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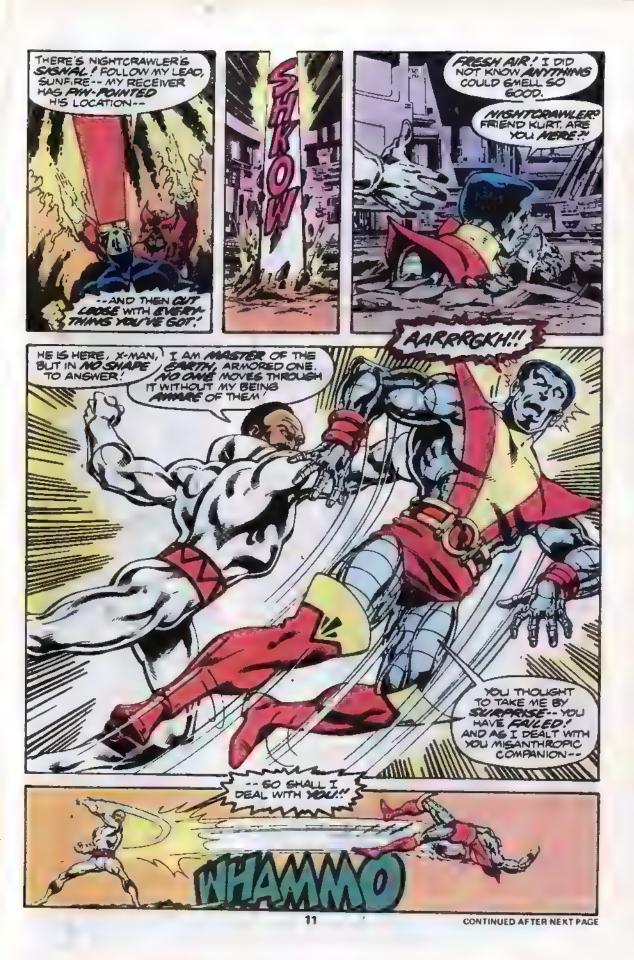
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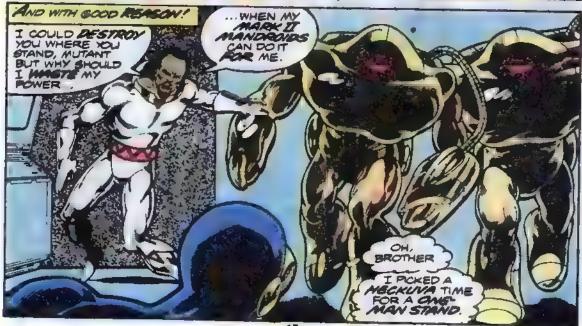














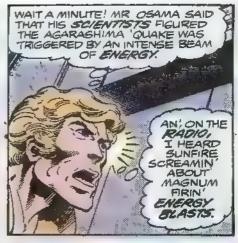




















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To begin on a very cheerful note, we've just been apprised of the results of this year's EAGLE AWARDS—British Comic Book Fan Awards—and, for the second year in a row, X-MEN has swept both the Favorite Comic Book (Dramatic) and Favorite Team categories, while Titanic Terry Austin placed first as Favorite Inker Take your well-deserved bows, Terry. And thanks from everyone connected with the X-MEN to Richard Burton and Mike Connected with the X-MEN to Richard Burton and Mike Connected which are the Awards; and to all the British fans who were kind enough to vote for us. (Who knows, with a little bit o' luck, this time next year we may equal Bjorn Borg's Wimbledon tennis triumph, and make it an unprecedented three straight wins? If that isn't an incentive to

keep making X-MEN the best book we possibly can, we don't

Dear miracle workers.

know what is!)

May I be the first person in the world to give you a million bucks. Why? you ask. Well. 1) Mr. John Byrne of Marvel Comics did a good job drawing the X-Men (example ** MEN #114, page 7). Also, Mr. Chris Claremont did a good job of plotting the story. Prove it? Well, read the story yourself, So, under separate cover you will all receive \$1,000,000 00. Thank you for such a terrific comic, and may you never lose touch.

Philippe Nepon Montreal, Quebec Canada

Hoodo-hah! Talk about your incentives! All we can say, Philippe—aside from a series of stunned 'thank you's'—is that Chris, John, Terry, Jean, Glynis, Roger and Jim are all awaiting their checks with bated breath

Dear Marvel Makers

I had to write about this Scott, Summers character development in X MEN #114 Summers has long been one of my favorite characters. The brooding manner, the name, his appearance, all very appealing

Anyway, in X MEN #108, there was that mind-bending display of mental and physical power that finally showed just how much change had occurred in Jean Grey since her ure birth." I could barely accept the change. I wondered "Will Scott Summers be able to accept it?" It was just an idle thought. I never expected any such conflict to actually arise, but it has arisen, and it is extreme. Scott's inability to mourn for Jean is frightening, as he said.

I'm anxiously awaiting more of this situation. It is just one of the many fine things that *Chris Claremont* is doing with the X-Men. I trust he'll satisfy me, whatever the outcome

Scott Stevenson 19 Currie Ave Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4C 1C3

Yours was one of many letters we received regarding Scott Summers' reaction to Jean supposed 'death', with opinions running the gamut from absolute praise to absolute damnation. Many people—including penciler John Byrne—felt that scene was handled too abruptly, that the emotions—or lack of them—seemed to come out of left field, especially considering how solid the relationship between Scott and Jean had seemed only a few short issues before. Others felt exactly the opposite Unfortunately, there isn't enough space in this lettercol to give this issue/question/what-have-you the discussion it deserves.

Chris, John, Terry,

I just finished reading X MEN #114, Just finished, as in "A minute ago I put it down after reading it and went to get my pen & paper." I just wanted to say, "Thanks." Thanks for Jean Grey, for Sean Cassidy, for Lilandra Nerimani, for Kurt Wagner, for Scott Summers, for Charles Xavier, for Hank McCoy. And all the rest.

Thanks for giving us people, instead of just another bunch of super heroes. I love them all.

It's easy, too, because I know them all.

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Tom, we got a heckura lot of mail on that issue, more than we'd received in quite a while, but yours was one of the nicest, letters. We only wish that our answer could be even half as eloquent. Thank you, pal.

People.

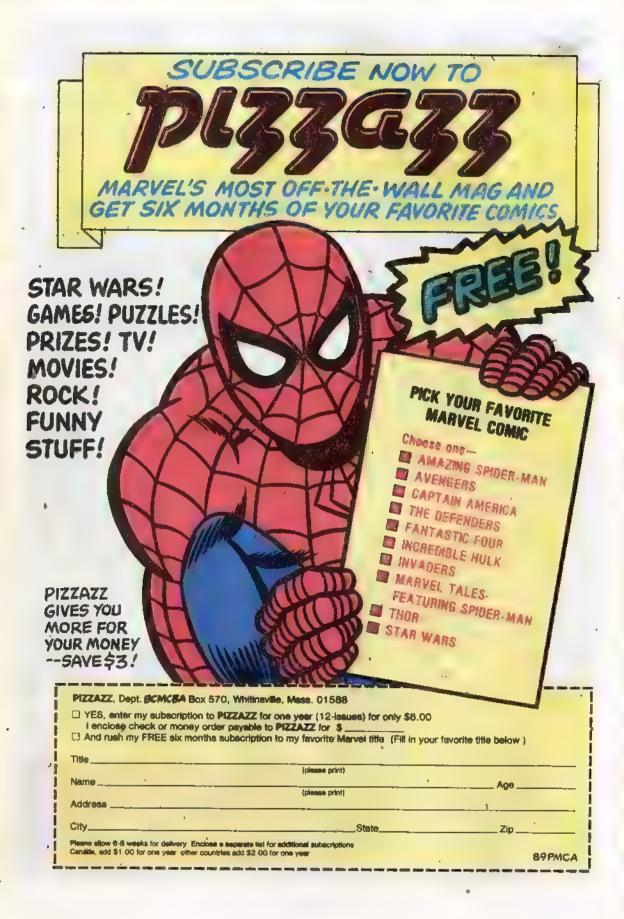
Why does the X MEN book make me want to my? Not tears of sorrow, but tears of frustration. The potential for this mag is constantly being destroyed by the hacking and hashing of two types of plots. X Men get killed, only to be miraculously saved in time so that they can die next issue facing their "most evil foe yet", or the X Men play who has the corniest dialog and which soap opera did it come from.

I can take the dying plot, since that's an element of drama," but the melodramatic tripe such as "Does Jean love ma" and "Oh, Scott, if you only knew" every third panel is not only. disgusting, but downright boring. Characterization is fine it, done tastefully, but Chris consistently bogs down the dialog by writing it off as "All My Children" or something. Not even? Peter Parker thinks/talks like that. The plots around the X Men, accepting the death theme as necessary to furnish challenge: thus making superheroes, usually range from very good to excellent, the same cannot be said for the scripting, unfortunately. The X-Men now seem like a bunch of sad sacks with an occasional spurt of brilliance. This is not to say I dislike the X Men, quite the contrary, I thoroughly enjoy them, I just wish the scripting was a little less tear-stained. I won't mention the art (oops, I just did) 'cause Byrne is one of the top regular artists around and Austin is the best inker

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You've seen the yin letters, folks; this one is yang with a vengeance. However, Jeff —excepting the fact that your letter is part of a very, very small minority of negative mail received by the X-MEN, and acknowledging that you may have been indulging in a wee bit of critical hyperbole—we feel obliged to point out that there's been very little of what you call the "Does Jean love me"/"Oh, Scott, if you only knew" school of dialogue the past few issues. "Few", pal, as in twenty, maybe even twenty-five. It's your privilege to feel that Chris' dialogue is corny, it's ours—and we hope, that of a large number of our readers—that it isn't.

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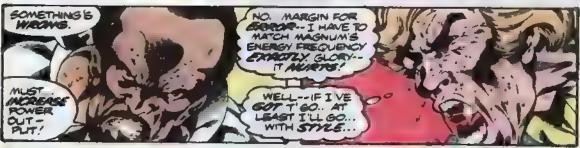
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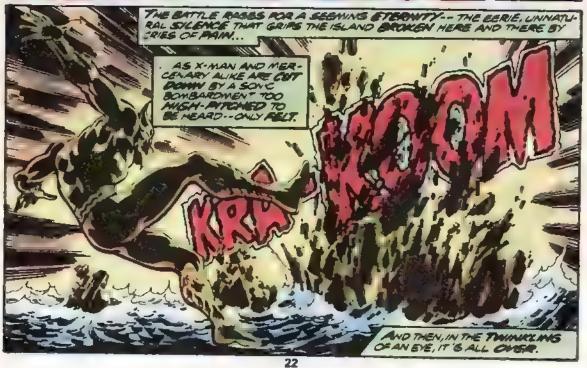
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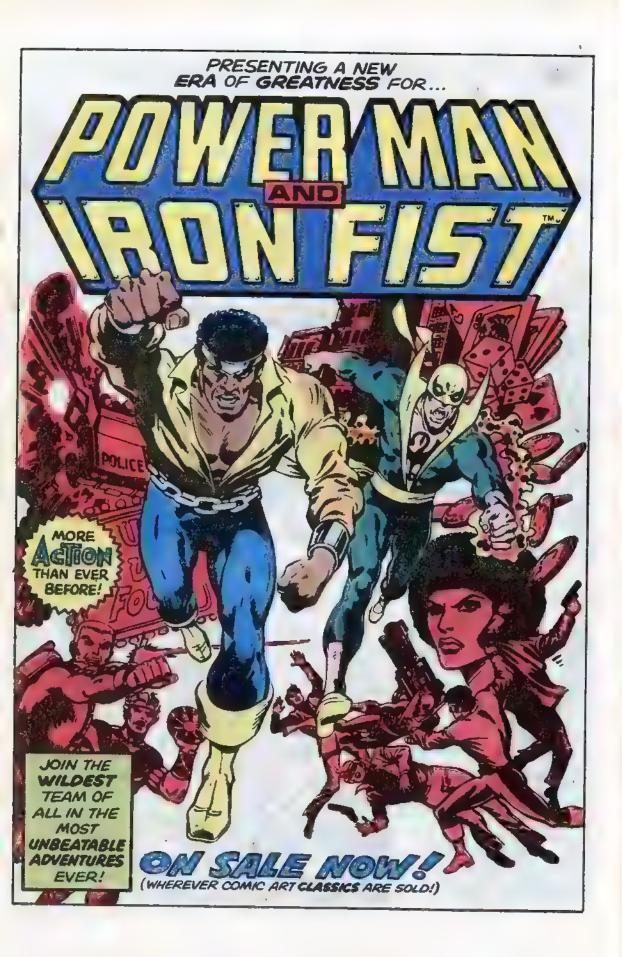












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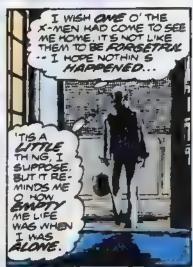
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And now that we've done with the obligatory ceremonial trappings let us proceed to the heart of the matter namely - the expose of the century. the revelation of the age - the unvernished truth about the world's most amous non-entity. Honest Irving Forbush. Oh how I wish this were but a script for one of our mags so that I could title it. If This be Forbush!" Or There Shall Come a Forbushil Or Let There be Forbush!" Well you get the idea

Years ago about the time that MAD was alborning, yours truly magazine produced a similar publication called Since the SATURDAY EVENING POST in those days, had a line on the cover which read. Founded by Bergamin Frank in it accured to me that SNAFU could do no less than have a similar line on its contents page. But shoer name would I use? Well after any seepless rights I came up with the phrase Founded by Irving Forbush* Why Irving Forbush? I've absolutely no ideal I never knew anyone with that name nor particularly wented to it just had the right sound to me incidentally wanting to go the POST one better I added on the other side of the contents column, the line "Losted by his places. Melvin Forbush" or some such nameet a hard to remorniste after all that temp

Anyway years later when mighty and was just beaning to conquer the entire liserary universe. I thought 'hwould be fun to bring back good of Irv and give him the fame and prominence he so nichtly deserved. So there you have it. A fantastically meaningful physics lesson in have to create something out of nothing and keep it the same wey! And if any of you can make any sense out of the foregoing, then consider thyself thricely No-Prured! As for me. I m off to have a hasdown with the Hulful

Excellent

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P.S. Not Not Not it isn't true that Forbush is Darth Vader spelled sideways.

\$TEM& Labely, it seems that Marvel's mighty magazine line has become the talk of the known universi! We've gotten a veritable mountain of mail from all over voicing thunderous approval of our full-color Super Special ventures like JAWS 7 BATTLESTAR GALACTICA, and KISS 2. For more than a year now we've been expendenting with better paper new printing processes new colorine techniques and special features (such as our four page fold out KISS poster! and with each new project we gain expensive honing our skills. We at Marvel think we re on the threshhold of revolutions inet the comics industry with our somewhat more expensive but oh so broutiful magazines, in fact we have a whole bunch of mind boggling new Super Somewis and full color serves in the works right now like SATANA, for instance, and STAR LORD and the long awaited Tolkien MOUNT WE RDWORLD magazine written by Doug Monnth, and peinted in wesercolors by Mike Ploon! We can't want for you to see these diszring offenngs--and that's where the only problem lies, it seems that more than a few of the cards and letters deluging the oil Bullipen heer complaints about the difficulties many of you have had in locating our Marvelous Measzines. The trouble is that not enough newestands and magazine storits carry our masterworks and some that do don't stock all of them. All we can say friends is that we re doing what we can from this endthe rest is up to you! If distribution of our comics and magazines and up to south in your area let your local retailers know about at! Make them awere of just how many sales they re peeting up. Better still, find out who the magazine distubutors are in your area end drop them aline. Fell them the titles you want to see on the stands! Remember it's up to you! And if all else fails, friend, don't farget that you can subscribe to all our regular titles. It s \$4.50 for twelve must of any 35d comic. and although one cannot yet subscribe to our glorious Super Specials (or annuals or other one shot special type mass. sight; there is no reason at all to miss a single panel of the wonderment within SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN (12 insum for \$13.00). CRAZY (12 main for \$8.50), MARVEL PREVIEW I4 sound for \$4.501 or THE HULK in full scintillating color (6 imuts for a mere \$9.50) Address orders, with your check or money order enclosed to Manuel Magazine Group Subscription Department, 575 Medison Avenue, Mew York NY, 10022 You'll be eled you dut



ITEM! The insiders' hat tip of the monthbuy yourself a copy of DAREDEVIL #157 Some of you will likely recognize the guest writer's name, though she's relatively

new to the scripting biz, and once you've been district by her inaugural effort, we re-willing to ties that few of you will soon forget the lady s style!

ITEM¹ The event in comics this month has to be the arrival of BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #1 the premiere issue of what is sure to be one of Marvel's best and most popular series for a long, long time! Ramblin ROGER McKENZIE writer and Everywaity ERNIE COLON artist have expanded their aiready acclaimed adaptation of the Battlestar Galactica TV movie to kick off the 35d color comics series. You don't want to miss this one so get on down to your news stani



ITEM! Time to update the oid Marve cards again, gang Dubious DANNY CRESPI Former Dean of Letterers and production person per excellance has reen to the elife status of Assistant Production Manager Former APM Department DAVE COHEN has some West in pursuit of True Happiness and a career in music -- so it is best of luck to two arest

ITEMI Speaking of Super Speciels there's one coming your way in late Novimber that's bound to set your mind on end! We'll give you all hint-it's all about the adventures of a cortain thief regiver and slaver indeworthy for his gigantic melancholies and gigantic mirth whose idea of fun is treading the thrones of the Earth under he sandaled feet. No. it isn't Howard the Duck (but keep your eyes open for Hower's Super Special debut). In fact. Marvel Super Special e9 features none other than CONAN THE BARBARIAN in the same source full color format as in this provious appointmen in Super Special #21 There's a surprise aecond feeture in this issue which we won't give alloy justyet, but fans of pseriess feminine pulchritude would be well advised to persent. It slonly a

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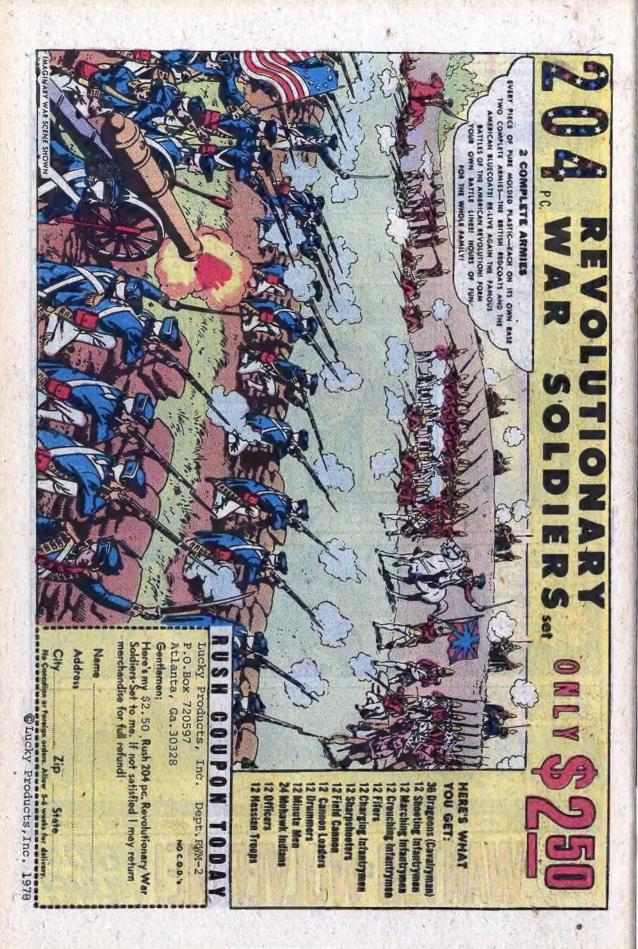








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